



GARR Conference 2007 - Rome, 29th-31st October 2007 - Teatro Palladium

# Network Humanitatis

*un filo di luce che unisce il sapere*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **In Italy, Internet is learning latin, plays music, paints and heals Universities and Research Organizations change the way culture is generated**

Rome, 29-31/10/2007 – Great appreciation has been expressed by the participants at the GARR Conference 2007 “Network Humanitatis – un filo di luce che unisce il sapere” which has taken place in Rome from October 29th to 31st 2007 at Teatro Palladium. It has been a great opportunity for advanced technologies experts and those coming from humanities for meeting, exchange knowledge and discover new frontiers about the instruments that GARR offers to the humanistic world.

The annual Conference held by GARR, the engineer and manager of the National Network for Education, University and Scientific Research, at his third edition, has in fact joined together technical experts, advanced and innovative applications users as well as the Italian academic world: artists, humanists, medical doctors and researchers, librarians and cultural heritage supervisors.

“We are assisting to a radical change” – explains Enzo Valente, director of GARR- our society and the way culture is generated are changing and two worlds, the scientific and humanistic one, which were travelling some time ago on 2 different railways are now getting closer and learning each other’s language. This is happening thanks to more intuitive and transparent technological instruments, which are available to the users who don’t have a scientific background and Italy is giving an important contribution”.

The focus of the event has been the development of advanced telematic services and technologies into traditional knowledge areas, from Arts to Medicine, to allow more people to make use of them.

Innovative technologies have been explored, such as telepresence, virtual reality and tele-immersion, teaching and learning collaboration and e-Research tools, focusing on the way their usage is affecting and partly already changing the way culture is generated.

Selected keynote speakers have illustrated the major existing projects and discuss them together, interacting also with the major international representatives of advanced networking, multimedia and innovation technologies.

“Progresses are in the Network but the public is excluded” – has resolved Roberto Vacca, engineer and writer – “ because mass media fill it up with sport, food, savings, rights, news, gossips. Most of people ignore science and technologies – or just knows about old versions of technologies. It’s essential an alliance between technology, culture, academy, parliament, industry for influencing mass media and offering updated instruments to the people.

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